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CD40 SIGNALING (as amended)

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Introductory Comments

This Response and Amendment is responsive to an Office Action having a mailing date of January 15, 2003. Claim 2 is being canceled and replaced by newly added claim 25; newly added claims 26 through 39 are also being added herein, as shown on the following pages. The specification is being amended as shown in this Response.

Applicants thank the Examiner for an opportunity to discuss this case in a telephone interview on April 11, 2003. As discussed during the telephone interview, applicants are amending the specification to correct obvious errors and render it clear to one of ordinary skill in the art. Claim 2 is being canceled and re-presented as new claim 25, which includes several changes discussed during the telephone interview (and discussed in more detail herein) to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what applicants regard as their invention. Applicants are also submitting herewith evidence that methods to identify antagonists of CD40 signaling possess utility in the eyes of those of ordinary skill in the art.

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